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FROM BURWELL BASSETT, ESQ.

21 Decr 1771

DEAR SIR

Just as I had finish'd my Letter I was apply'd to by Mr James Hockaday who is desirous of geting into Business, all that I can say of him is that he is a very Honest industrious Man and understand Accot pretty well, But as he was never in Business and only look after a little Plantation of his own whether he is capable of undertaking the Business he now aply for I cannot tell I am

Dr Sr Yr Affnate Hble Servt BURL BASSETT